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RELATIONS, MARCH 13 TO APRIL 9, 1977

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1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF USA DIVISION
FEDOSEYEV INFORMED E/C COUNSELOR TODAY THAT SOVIET CHOICE FOR
PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT WILL BE IN ALL LIKELIHOOD VLADIMIR V.
MORDVINOV, HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH
FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN THE USSR STATE PLANNING COMMITTEE (GOSPLAN).
FEDOSEYEV SAID THAT MARDVINOV IS ALSO VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
WORLD FOOD COUNCIL.

2. FEDOSEYEV SAID THAT DECISION IS NOT YET FULL CONFIRMED
BUT IN OUR VIEW OF OUR EMPHASIS OF URGENCY OF CHOICE, HE HAD WANTED
US TO KNOW AT EARLIEST MOMENT. FINAL DECISION IS EXPECTED
EARLY NEXT WEEK. IN EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THIS INFORMATION,
COUNSELOR CONVEYED DEPARTMENT'S POINT (REF A, PARA 1).

3. FEDOSEYEV SAID THAT MORDVINOV SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL, WHICH
AGREES WITH ASSESSMENT IN EMBASSY FILES. NEVERTHELESS, ONCE
CHOICE IS FIRM, WE WILL INTERVIEW HIM TO ELICIT AS MUCH
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ABOUT HIS BACKGROUND,
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QUALIFICATIONS AND INTERESTS.

4. WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT WILL REFER TO BIOGRAPHIC DATA FROM
(FS-405) PREPARED ON MORDVINOV MARCH 13, 1969, WHEN HE WAS
CHIEF OF DIVISION FOR TRADE WITH "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES IN
UNCTAD. (HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH UNCTAD FOR SEVEN YEARS,
MAINLY IN GENEVA.) WE ALSO ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS UPDATED

BIO REPORT OF MARCH 31, 1975, STATING THAT HE WAS FIRST
NOTED AS A GOSPLAN DEPARTMENT CHIEF IN APRIL 1974. THIS
REPORT DESCRIBES HIM AS A SPECIALIST IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

5. WE BELIEVE THAT CONFIRMATION OF MORDVINOV'S SELECTION
WILL BE ROUTINE AND HOPEFULLY WILL OCCUR EARLY NEXT WEEK.
HE APPEARS TO BE A SATISFACTORY CANDIDATE, AND WE HOPE THAT
DEPARTMENT WILL FIND HIM ACCEPTABLE.

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